

CfP: 'Comparing the Copperbelt: Social history and knowledge production in Central Africa', deadline 17 July 2020 (Conference - 11-13 Feb 2021, Oxford, UK)

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The project aims to examine the Copperbelt (in both Zambia and the DR Congo) as a single region divided by a (post-)colonial border, across which flowed minerals, people and ideas. It analyses how academic knowledge production (e.g. by the Rhodes-Livingstone Institute and CEPESI) shaped understanding of Copperbelt societies and it seeks ways to explore Copperbelt political culture and popular perceptions from a historical perspective.

This final project conference, held in conjunction with Oxford's African Studies Centre and Centre for Global History, represents the culmination of the project's research and builds on workshops held in Kitwe in July 2018 and in Lubumbashi in July 2019. It will discuss the region's shared histories and share ideas on social, environmental and cultural history. Research papers from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds (history, anthropology, economics, etc.), approaches and regional focuses are encouraged. Papers that compare the Zambian and Katangese regions are particularly welcome.

Paper titles and abstracts of 150-250 words in either English or French should be sent to the organisers at copperbelt@history.ox.ac.uk by 17 July 2020.

Thanks and best wishes,

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